

***New Rural Health Outreach Clinic Heading to Gallipolis***

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Charlie Wilson released the following statement today after a conference call with officials from the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding plans to create a new health clinic in Gallia County:

"I am very pleased that the Department of Veteran Affairs has committed to providing more health care options for our veterans in and around Gallia County. Within the next year, there will be a new Rural Health Outreach Clinic available to provide medical services to our veterans. This clinic will be staffed with VA personnel and will give our veterans the healthcare they deserve. These men and women sacrificed for our country and served us well, and I think it is only right that we provide them with an accessible option for the quality medical care they deserve. My office is committed to assisting the VA in opening this clinic and will work to make sure our local veteran population is well served."

The VA is currently considering sites in and around Gallipolis, OH for the new clinic. The Rural Health Outreach Clinic will be associated with an existing medical facility, and will provide primary care for veterans in the surrounding areas one to two days per week. If demand proves to be high, Gallipolis could become eligible for an upgraded facility in the future. Additional details will be released as warranted.